

And Why It DOESN'T WORK!





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FREE PEOPLE BEAR ARMS

Gun control isn't about guns. It's about control.

The very foundation of this country — the freest the planet has ever seen — was based on who would have the power and liberty that firearms represent:

We the People or "them" (the government forces).

Freedom matters.

When government decided back in Revolutionary times that it should be in control and control the guns, free people stood up and decided we would control arms and delegate power to officials — not the other way around. It was a unique concept, never before attempted — the grand experiment of self-governance — and America was born.

It makes sense that the freest nation on Earth has the freest gun laws and best access to arms anywhere. Freedom from gun control is what led to the ongoing emancipation of every class of men and women and will continue to do so.

You can't arm slaves and expect them to remain enslaved.

The 2nd Amendment has made more women equal than everything the feminist movement imagines. Affirmative action and diversity movements pale before the power to keep and bear arms, the very bedrock on which everything else rests.

The freedom to arm is the unseen superconducting magnet attracting people to our borders. Take away or restrict guns and you take away or restrict personal freedom. Power comes from the barrel of a gun; so-called "gun control" takes that power and puts it in someone's hands other than your own. That must never happen.

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f gun control only stopped criminals and made the world safe, there would be no controversy at all. But that's not the case, is it? It remains among the most controversial of political policies and there's a reason: It doesn't work as advertised.

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People who promote gun control either seek control over you while their side remains armed, are acting out their abnormal fears or are ignorant. Whichever way, gun control is terrible public policy and is steadfastly resisted by huge swaths of the fabric in a free society. It doesn't control guns and it doesn't control criminals.

Most new gun-control proposals are met with outrage and opposition because they assault personal freedom under some guise. Frequently, the promoted purpose and actual effect are totally different. If those opposed to gun rights revealed their true purposes, few people would support them, so lies, deceit and misdirection are typically needed to gain support.

For example, "All we want to do is register dangerous guns," seems harmless enough, but when you look carefully,

it's really, "We need that list of everybody who peacefully owns guns so when we ban any, we know where they are." That is so ominous that

only the power-hungry or irrationally fearful would vote in favor and, as such, lies are required to disguise it. It's not conjecture; it's fact. New York and California have both required lists prior to confiscations, and nations throughout history did the same before committing atrocities. If gun control worked, they'd stop asking for more.

THERE'S A REASON IT'S CONTROVERSIAL

GUN CONTROL DOESN'T WORK



hen you examine each new gun-control proposal carefully, you find it typically goes directly to disarming the public with little — or no — attention paid to controlling criminals. This is the great ugly secret about gun-control schemes the "news" media, public schools and officials hide from you. They often don't even realize they're doing it, but truly evil people are well aware they're attempting to coalesce power in one set of hands — theirs.

So-called "gun-control proposals" either eliminate arms for, limit arms for or subarm the public. Politicians draft bills to outlaw a type of firearm, accessory or ammunition you already own; restrict access, possession or ownership to quality firearms and components; or require small, inadequate or poorly functioning (subarmament) versions for you. These are always falsely described as ways to stop crime or increase safety.

Since convicted felons are already legally barred from having any type of guns at all, it's obvious these new rules only disarm innocent people. Criminals get any weapons they want the same way they get drugs — illegally. The laws don't control them — gun control controls you. (These inconvenient facts nev-

er get mentioned, as they would spoil the anti-gun narrative.)

Gun controllers twist words to distort the debate in their favor. "Gun violence" is a propaganda substitute for crime, murder, assault or jihad.

A so-called "assault weapon" is a normal popular household firearm — "assault" is a type of criminal behavior, not a kind of hardware. Look up "Politically Corrected Glossary" to understand how language is used against you.

'GUN CONTROL' IS A EUPHEMISM FOR 'DISARM THE PUBLIC'

THE REAL PURPOSE IS TO LEAVE ONLY 'OFFICIALS' ARMED



effect. It's enormously expensive, as it would divert vast crime-fighting resources away from fighting actual crime to compiling massive lists of innocent people who haven't done anything other than own constitutionally protected property.

How accurate would a federalized list of 400 million firearms matched to 100 million Americans be, anyway? Remember, owning unlisted guns would be a felony. The list-keeper — the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (famous for WACO, Ruby Ridge, Fast and Furious, etc.) — considers inaccurate listings, such as incorrect serial numbers, as "unlisted." A 1 percent error rate creates four million innocent-felons. The list would need 80,000 changes a day to accommodate Americans who move once every 10 years. It would be a nightmare — not to mention another bloated federal program.

Even worse, such a list would, by definition, not include any firearms possessed by criminals, if for no other

reason than it would violate their right against self-incrimination (since they can't be armed in the first place). If you could find them to list them, you could just arrest them right there.

The whole thing is a scam and the politicians — elected and appointed — who support it know it. It's a gun-control plan to control you.

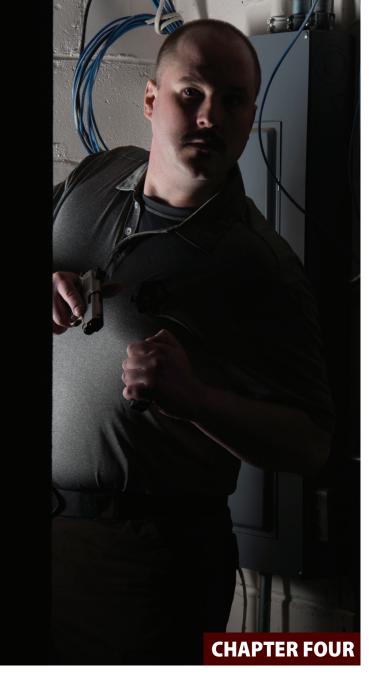
It is documented fact that virtually every genocide committed in the 20th Century began with gun-registration lists. Round up armed citizens, confiscate their weapons and the authorities will gain power without meaningful resistance. The guaranteed potential for armed resistance is why America is — and has always been — the linchpin of freedom on the planet.

GUN REGISTRATION HAS NO COMPONENT THAT FIGHTS CRIME

WRITING DOWN EVERYONE'S NAME DOESN'T AFFECT CRIMINALS

ow would writing down your name or my name in a government book somewhere stop bank robbers, murderers, gang members, thieves, jihadis or ... anyone? That's right: It wouldn't. But at first blush, it sounds cool and attracts support.

Although universal gun registration is one of the gun-control community's great holy grails, it has no crime-fighting



ational people — gun-rights advocates, gun-rights deniers and the uninvolved alike — uniformly seek violent-crime control. On this, we have consensus. Less crime is good.

What gun-rights deniers too often fail to recognize, though, is the lack of causal links between guns and crime. Crime results not from weapons but from social factors they prefer to ignore and avoid, like poverty, family conditions, demographics, hunger, morality, mental capacity, psychosis, education, ghettoization, job opportunities, peer pressure, religious influences and the lack or abundance of these and other forces.

Sometimes these problems are created or heightened by government policies

that liberal gun-controllers endorsed, but don't worry, they'll refuse to recognize (or admit) their role. They act out their frustration with

(and latent hostility against) an inanimate scapegoat — firearms — as part of a complex set of avoidance mechanisms.

Crime has existed since Biblical times, and criminals weren't invented with gunpowder during the Tang Dynasty in 9th Century China.

GUN CONTROL ISN'T CRIME CONTROL

GOING AFTER BAD GUYS, NOT PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS WHAT MAKES US SAFER



law isn't some sort of magical decree. Laws are voluntary, and just because you pass a law doesn't mean that even good people will obey it. It would be nice to pass a law declaring bank robbery illegal and have that be the end of bank robbery, but we all know better.

If laws simply "worked," life would be utopia, and utopians would finally win. How silly — but that's how some people actually think: Ban guns, guns end. Such folks should be exposed whenever possible; their cloaked presence is harmful. Unenforceable laws waste everything — time, money, opportunity and any remote chance of achieving goals. There are so many laws now that no individual could possibly obey — or even be aware of — them all. Bad law hurts everyone, and bad gun laws are dangerous.

Following the law is usually the right

thing to do, but fear of getting caught is what makes most of us — even criminals — toe the line. The size of the penalty is another factor. Actual law enforcement is what makes crime control work. Even true

gun control — disarming criminals — needs enforcement, not more law. That's the missing element: law enforcement. Remember that whenever a new law is proposed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT, NOT LAW, IS WHAT CONTROLS CRIMINALS

CATCHING CRIMINALS — ENFORCEMENT — IS WHAT MAKES LAW MEANINGFUL



omething about the anti-gun mindset makes such an individual feel better if a sign hanging near a door says, "NO GUNS ALLOWED." It doesn't matter that it doesn't actually stop anyone. Folks remain free to walk in and out with their guns, legally owned or not, but that doesn't affect the feel-good thought process. Anti-gunners have a non-rational belief in signs. What's next, "No Bombs Allowed?"

That said, many honorable people will see such a sign and leave their guns in their cars. Criminals got wise to this in Virginia, and now there's skyrocketing gun thefts from vehicles outside restaurants with those signs. Those signs are flat-out prejudice and discrimination against your fundamental constitutional civil rights, announcing, "We don't want your kind here."

Criminals bent on theft or rapid mass murder either ignore such signs or actively benefit from them. Does anyone

really believe jihadis walk away from posted buildings? That's irrational. A "GUN-FREE ZONE" sign makes it a safer place for a madman to attack, as the innocent individuals within are neatly cordoned off in

a defenseless-victim zone. Make-believe "gun-free zones" are known to be dangerous, reckless and negligent. Your rights are revoked, while any criminal off the street gets a pass.

GUN-FREE ZONES AREN'T GUN FREE — FOR CRIMINALS

BELIEVING THAT POSTING A 'NO-GUNS' SIGN STOPS ANYBODY IS THE MOST ABSURD BELIEF OF ALL



"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

—Thomas Jefferson

he fraudulent nature of so-called "gun control" is most easily demonstrated by the simple fact that criminal activity is already ... criminal.

You can't name some violent armed offense, *malum in se*, as legal eagles call it, that isn't already completely banned, usually more than once and usually for decades or more. The only thing left to ban is YOU. (Some gun-controllers have started calling their cause "gun safety" instead of "gun control," but don't let their attempt to co-opt language fool you.)

When a political operative proposes a new gun law, ask yourself the following simple questions: "Will this bill expand or reduce my personal freedom?" and, "Does this free me to do something I

> can't currently do, or does it remove something I am currently free to do or have?"

> Bills from Democrats typically shrink your freedom — conditions, restrictions, taxes, even bans on rights and prop-

erty you already have. Republicans, inconsistently, might attempt to lift restrictions or expand access, or substitute new problems for existing ones. It's a tough game.

EVERY POSSIBLE GUN CRIME IS ALREADY ILLEGAL

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OUTLAWED FOR CENTURIES



NEW GUN-CONTROL PROPOSALS TARGET THE INNOCENT

WATCH THE NEW GUN LAWS AND YOU'LL SEE THEY TARGET YOU

Criminals will still roam free doing as they wish, but you may no longer buy magazines of a certain size or rifles by a certain designer. You may no longer obtain a firearm across state lines, you may now pay more taxes on your goods, you shall have to buy insurance, you will store your private property in a government-mandated safe, you will certainly need to keep and file additional records ... it doesn't end.

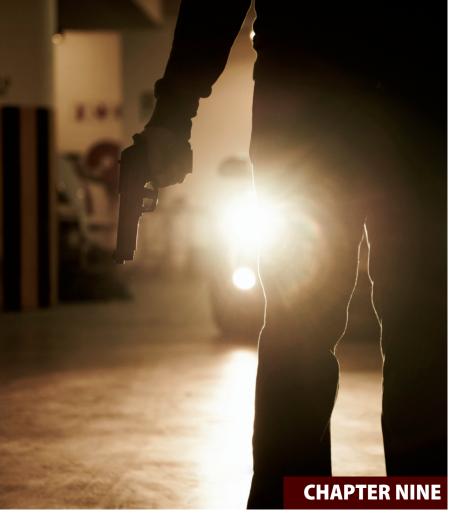
Although politicians talk a good game, what they say and what their bills do are often miles apart. One politician offered a bill to close something he called a "gun-show loophole." On reading it, it closed gun shows altogether. Yes, that's outrageous ... and he remained in office. Few folks read the bills and reporters just read politicians' talking points (which aren't exactly renowned for their inclusion of deep policy analysis).

So, since felons aren't even legally allowed to touch a single round of ammunition, what's the point of laws that limit what you, a law-abiding citizen, are allowed to have? Why do reporters never seem to ask that question? Through their

complacency, they've practically become liberty's enemies.

Every investigation and study shows criminals don't arm themselves at your average family-friendly neighborhood gun show, but

facts rarely influence legislation. (Loopholes, by the way, are liberties ... you know, things you're allowed to do, like ride a bicycle without a license or roller skate without a helmet.)



ect or transfer their fears onto those around them.

They frequently fantasize about shooting people nearby. They fear if they themselves had access to a firearm, they could "go crazy" and start randomly shooting people. They know — as do we all — that a firearm would play a role in such a catastrophe. The problem is, they project this fear onto you. In fact, some live in constant dread that their armed neighbors might shoot them.

While people who own firearms have come to grips with this reality (and sanely control themselves and their arms the same as they do with other dangerous things they own, like cars, knives or poisons), hoplophobes have not. Perhaps they cannot and, as such, cling tightly to internal terrors and loathing abhorrence of guns and their owners.

Many turn their neurotic tendencies

outward and seek political resolution. "If only all the guns would just go away," is one irrational cry. Instead of seeking help for themselves, they seek to attack your rights. This makes sense to them and is a great hidden secret of the modern gun debate:

We are not fighting a political battle; we are fighting a medical condition — hop-lophobia. Point out hoplophobic behavior whenever you see it, but remember that these people deserve sympathy, not scorn, and need help.

Psychiatry treats certain phobias through desensitization — slowly introducing those afflicted to the object of their fears. In fact, you might have personally witnessed the dramatic improvement a gun-phobic person can experience from even a single visit to a shooting range.

HOPLOPHOBIA DRIVES MUCH OF THE OPPOSITION

AN IRRATIONAL FEAR OF FIREARMS FUELS ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

orbid fear of weapons is a terrible affliction from which many people suffer. These individuals refuse to admit it; denial is one of the symptoms of the condition known as hoplophobia. Instead of dealing directly with their problem and seeking treatment (which can be simple), they vent pent-up rage and frustration and, in classic psychological fashion, proj-



he following is critically important:
The so-called "gun-control debate" is about politics, not crime control or safety.

It's never been about crime, it's not typically about safety and it has little to do with saving lives. Gun control is about one political party that is interested in imposing its will on the other half of the nation — the larger half. One faction seeks to disarm, neuter, encumber and dominate We the People and The Bill of Rights. The other party? Well, not so much, at least most of them, most of the time. In point of fact, there are good and not-so-good people in both parties, but the point is made.

Were gun control really about preventing crime, saving lives and engender-

ing safety, both parties would simply support it as easily as they get consent for routine matters or how they banned war criminals from getting social-security benefits: unanimously.

Here's an experiment: Ask a gun-rights denier, "What kind of guns should the public have?" First you typically hear what you shouldn't have. Then you typically hear silence.

ONLY ONE POLITICAL PARTY SEEKS GUN CONTROL

THAT SHOULD TELL YOU SOMETHING



A WORLD WITHOUT **GUNS DESCRIBES** GENGHIS KHAN, VLAD THE IMPALER AND CALIGULA.

t's easy to imagine a world without guns. Just go back in time to before they existed, right? The officials, the bad guys and the streets were far more brutal and messy than they are today. Firearms — the ability to project force at a distance — are a fundamentally civilizing factor in society.

Even though criminals and evil people always use weapons for havoc and mayhem, guns protect us and keep us safe when we or our representatives employ them in responsible, peaceful ways. Regardless of our best efforts, miscreants will always do evil with whatever the genie has released from the bottle.

Were a magic wand to make every firearm on the planet suddenly disappear, the communist Chinese and Mexican drug cartels, joined by every tyrant and villain on Earth and every corrupt nation in the U.N. Human Rights Council, would immediately start designing

> and manufacturing new ones. We would have to do the same to protect ourselves.

> That's just the way it is. Our laws don't stop them. Gun control is fantasy; wishful thinking. Balance of power

is how humans operate, and Earth is sometimes just a dangerous place. Guns help keep it tame; gun control empowers the forces leveled against you. Gun rights empower you.

A WORLD WITH **NO GUNS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE**

THERE WERE NO GUNS FOR MOST OF **HUMAN HISTORY; THAT WAS NOT BETTER**



"Some people prey on other people."

— Col. Jeff Cooper

veryone wishes that weren't so, but from street thugs to entire nations to religious groups bent on exerting lethal will, some people make their way through life by taking physical advantage of and attempting to subjugate others.

Even the quickest glance at history shows the strong evil will prey on the kind weak. The weaker the better, and unarmed is best. Dictators prefer unarmed victims; history proves this repeatedly, and the atrocities are infamous. Let us also remember that the classic post-Civil War slogan, "Abe Lincoln may have freed all men, but Sam Colt made them equal," confirms the value of destroying gun control. Though not widely taught in American public schools, history shows that this nation's

first "gun-control laws" were originally efforts to keep newly freed blacks unarmed.

The 14th Amendment was designed in part to

put an end to that. Disgraceful Jim Crow laws, supported by Democrats and resisted by Republicans, were the shameful ancestors of today's gun-control statutes — and for the same purpose: subjugation. Modern gun-control laws, along with their racist roots, are not only dangerous ... they are an embarrassment in a free society such as ours.

TYRANTS PREFER UNARMED SUBJECTS

GENOCIDE, DICTATORSHIP, TYRANNY, OPPRESSION AND SLAVERY REQUIRE A GUNLESS PUBLIC



on't adopt the media's deception and believe gun-rights supporters oppose all gun laws. That's a negative stereotype and dirty pool (but we're used to it). Gun owners and gunrights advocates support important good laws for true safety, crime control (quite different from gun control), education, government accountability, research, our police and military forces (a critical component) and a culture of marksmanship that has always served America beautifully.

- 1. Deal with serious criminal activity swiftly, equally and fairly. No "revolving-door" justice, no ignoring violent crime (a disturbing trend) and no more similar affronts to our justice system. Concern for victims' rights are top priorities for rights advocates, and criminal *malum in se* misuse of arms should lead to appropriately long correctional terms.
- **2.** Focusing on hardware instead of perpetrators is misguided. It doesn't accomplish the goal of reducing crime; it misallocates resources and replaces law enforcement with feel-good, do-nothing restrictions on private property and commerce. In short, enforce laws against bad guys hard. Speaking of which...
 - 3. Disarm criminals first.
- **4. Education is key.** People are responsible for every shot they fire. With

firearms present in most American homes, proper safe operation of firearms and an understanding of how firearms shaped American history should be components of education rather than subjects of

total avoidance as we see in schools today. Tax and policy incentives for public marksmanship training are worthwhile legislative-policy goals. Free speech must protect advertising for training in all media.

SOME GUN CONTROL IS GOOD AND WE DILIGENTLY SUPPORT IT

OFTEN VICIOUSLY STEREOTYPED AS INTRACTABLE, WE SUPPORT AND ENACT RATIONAL GUN LAWS



THE VOICE OF REASON

- You can use each Chapter's title and subtitle as talking points (persuasive remarks you can adopt).
- When dealing with anti-rights folks, remember to point out, "If your goal is to reduce crime, I'm with you." Establish rapport first. Remember to smile. Then always distinguish between reducing crime and so-called "gun control." Ask, "Will this affect gangsters or me?"
- Point out hoplophobia when you see it: "You sound like you're afraid of guns; are you?" Pause and listen. Gently suggest that a hoplophobe take a class at a range sometime. If he or she objects or get agitated, calmly point that out.

 Be helpful, not argumentative.
- Watch out for changes of subject that lead to endless circles: "That's a great point. Let's resolve that next, after we settle the current point." Keep focused.
- If the "news" media reported accurately on this subject, we wouldn't even be having this conversation. When it comes to firearms, reporting is typically 100 percent wrong. You've been to the range and you know it's lots of fun. Have you ever seen that reflected in the news? Self-defense happens all the time, but only criminal gun misuse gets coverage, giving the public a completely distorted view. Shooting sports are the No. 2 participant sport in America (ahead of golf, behind exercise). The 2.5 million defensive gun uses yearly far outnumber the 11,000 homicides, most of which occur in ghettos and are directly drug- or crime-related, a fact that is heavily suppressed. Sixty million American homes are safely armed. The public legally buys 9 billion rounds of ammo every year. The list of important positive news you can help spread goes on and on.

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